5 Calle de Lista
Barrio de Salamanca
Madrid May 9/79

My dear Sir,

I hope that you will not think me curious, for I can assure you that had it not been for the enquiries of Mr Field as to how the subscription would be presented in England, I should not have troubled you again so soon, as I rely so entirely upon your judgment and exquisite tact.

The very necessary paragraph in the papers, I own makes me tremble a little, but I am convinced that it is necessary, and that I must sacrifice my private feelings for the benefit of my family.

In this paragraph you will touch family matters as gently as possible, and I think you might sound your appeal upon my not being fortunate enough

to obtain a pension, which will prove sufficiently that I am in need of assistance for no one would willingly ask a favour of this kind, from mere interested motives.

Perhaps I am presuming too much upon your goodness, but I think you will pardon me.

Please to give my most sincere thanks to the two gentlemen who are associated with you for the receipt of the subscription.

I fear that my nieces will not be pleased with me, though I feel that I hardly deserve it. I wrote to Mrs Speed last week, and somewhat prepared her, by telling her that my request for a pension had not been granted. She also knows that during the last four years, we have had heavy losses, besides the death of our son in law.

I sincerely thank you for your condescended Kindness to me, and with our united wishes for your health and happiness, believe me to remain. Yours ever

H Bascom Esqre Fanny Keats

P.S. The picture which I hope you will
like, leaves Madrid next week, and
home no doubt will reach you safely
The frame is fixed in the case by
four screws, which are marked
on the case by crosses

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James